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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army

SUBJECT: General Reinhard GHELEN's Views on the West German  
Bundestag Personnel Selection Committee for the  
German Armed Forces

1. According to a report dated 16 December 1955, General Reinhard GHELEN has consistently been a solid supporter of the West German Bundestag Personnel Selection Committee for the German Armed Forces. Although the work of this committee has recently become highly controversial on the cases of four senior officers of the West German Defense Ministry, General GHELEN's views are unchanged. He feels that the group is made up of distinguished citizens with a vast experience in many fields. In his opinion, this is a sound approach to ensure that leaders in the new German army are carefully selected and the single fault lies in the fact that the committee was not created three years earlier. He deeply regrets the handling of the cases of Felt, Bergengruen and Brandtstatter, but feels that the system as such is basically a necessity in the Federal Republic at this time.

2. It is requested that this information be treated with the utmost discretion and that no further dissemination be made of it.

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